

TEXT TYPES

- Narrative
- Recount
- Description
- Response
- Information Report
- Procedure
- Explanation
- Exposition
- Discussion

When using text types *THINK*:

1. Purpose
2. Structure
3. Language Features
4. Typical Questions

Text Types

DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE:

Descriptions focus our attention on the characteristic features of a particular thing (someone or something).

Note: Descriptions can occur as “stand alone” texts or as part of a longer text e.g. description of a character in a NARRATIVE or to describe a phenomena in an INFORMATION REPORT.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. An introduction of classification (What is it?)**
- 2. Characteristic features – usually a paragraph or sub heading is devoted to each characteristic e.g.**
 - What does it look like?**
 - What can it do?**
 - What are its special features?**
- 3. Concluding statement (optional)**

Typical DESCRIPTION Questions:

Describe a

Describe your

Create an accurate description of

Design a “wanted” poster for

Text Types

INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

To present factual information about a class of things, usually by classifying them and then describing their characters.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Opening general definition or classification**
- 2. Sequence of related statements about topic**
- 3. Concluding statement**

Typical INFORMATION Report Questions:

Define

Classify

Describe

Describe the characteristics of

Text Types

PROCEDURE

PURPOSE:

To show how something is accomplished through a series of steps.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Opening statement of goal or aim**
- 2. Materials required listed in order of use**
- 3. Series of steps listed in chronological order**
- 4. On some procedures a Conclusion e.g. Science experiment**

Typical PROCEDURE Questions:

Show

Prove

Write a step by step account of

Text Types

DISCUSSION

PURPOSE:

To present information and opinions about more than one side of an issue.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Opening statement presenting the issue**
- 2. Arguments or evidence of different points of view**
- 3. Concluding recommendation**

Typical DISCUSSION Questions:

Discuss

Examine both sides of

Examine issues for *and* against

Text Types

EXPLANATION

PURPOSE:

To explain how or why things are as they are, or how things work.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. A general statement**
- 2. Series of paragraphs that tell the hows or whys of events, usually in the order they occur (chronological)**
- 3. Concluding statement**

Typical EXPLANATION Questions:

Explain
How does
Why does
Compare and contrast
Which is which
Explain the difference

Text Types

RECOUNT

PURPOSE:

To reconstruct past experiences by retelling events in the order in which they have occurred.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Orientation – background information about who/what, where and when**
- 2. Series of events in chronological order**
- 3. A personal comment**

Typical RECOUNT Questions:

Recount

Retell

Rewrite

Text Types

EXPOSITION

PURPOSE:

To put forward an argument or particular point of view.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Point of view is stated**
- 2. Justifications of arguments in a logical order**
- 3. Summing up of argument**

Typical EXPOSITION Questions:

Argue

Expose

Debate

Justify

Argue For *or* Against

Text Types

NARRATIVE

PURPOSE:

To tell a story.

STRUCTURE:

- 1. Orientation – Who/What, Where and When**
- 2. Complication**
- 3. Series of events**
- 4. Resolution**

Typical NARRATIVE Questions:

Write

Create

Tell a story about

Text Types

RESPONSE

PURPOSE:

To respond to an artistic work either the written, visual or aural form.

STRUCTURE:

1. Context of Artistic Work

Details the name of the text, who wrote/painted it and when, and a brief synopsis.

2. Description of Artistic Work

Describes in detail key features or significant events in the text.

3. Judgement

A personal response to the text and can include some recommendation about the text.

Typical RESPONSE Questions:

View and respond critically to
Observe and respond to
Give your opinion about
Critically respond to
Critically evaluate